

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

In item 1 on pages 2-3 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the drawing. In response to this objection, a replacement drawing is submitted herewith indicating that data precedes the flag byte in the third packet on the transmitter side. Approval of this change to the drawings is respectfully requested.

REMARKS

In the March 15, 2006 Office Action, the Examiner noted that claims 1-6 were pending in the application; objected to the drawing as inaccurately depicting the invention; objected to claims 1-4 as using language the Examiner found incorrect; rejected claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 under 35 USC §103(a); and objected to claims 3 and 4 as dependent from a rejected base claim. Claim 3 has been cancelled and thus, claims 1, 2 and 4-6 remain in the case. The Examiner's objections and rejections are discussed below.

In item 1 on pages 2-3 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the drawing due to the way that the third packet on the transmitter side was illustrated. A Replacement Sheet is submitted herewith changing the depiction of the third packet on the transmitter side to indicate that data precedes the flag byte. Withdrawal of the objection to the drawing is respectfully requested.

In items 2 and 3, the Examiner objected to claims 1-4 because the Examiner considered the words used to be incorrect. The changes required by the Examiner have been made.

If any other problems exist in the wording of the claims or the contents of the drawing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone to expedite correction thereof.

In items 4-8 on pages 4-6 and the paragraph preceding item 4, claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 were rejected under 35 USC § 103 as unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication Nos. 2004/0078624 by Maxemchuck et al. and 2002/0141585 by Carr and U.S. Patent 6,000,053 to Levine et al. In item 9 on page 6 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 3 and 4 recited allowable subject matter. The limitation previously recited in claim 3, "the end-of-packet information is provided by a flag byte at the end of each data packet" has been incorporated into each of the independent claims. For example, claim 1 now recites "transmitting the data packets from a transmitter to a receiver with a flag byte providing end-of-packet information at the end of each data packet" (claim 1, lines 4-5).

As a result of the amendments it submitted that claims 1, 5 and 6, as well as claims 2 and 4 which depend from claim 1, patentably distinguish over the prior art used in rejecting the claims for the reasons recognized by the Examiner in finding allowable subject matter in claims 3 and 4. Therefore, withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Summary

It is submitted that the references cited in rejecting the claims do not teach or suggest the features of the present claimed invention. Thus, it is submitted that claims 1, 2 and 4-6 are in a condition suitable for allowance. Reconsideration of the claims and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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